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Biographical Notice of the Great Prior of Canada, Col. W. J. B. Macleod Moore, G. C. T., and 33° A. and A. S. Rite for Canada.

A biographical sketch of this well-known Mason and distinguished Templar appeared several years ago in the columns of a Masonic paper in the United States, as also subsequently in the CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN, and we are now indebted to one of our Canadian correspondents for the following corrected record to the present time:

Colonel Macleod Moore was born in the Co. Kildare, Ireland. The son of an old military officer who had served under Wellington in his early career in India, during the whole of the Mysore and Maharatta campaigns, being present at the siege of Seringapatam and memorable battle of Assaye, where he was so severely wounded as to oblige him to retire from active service. He was the last descendant of an old military Anglo-Irish family, his three brothers and five nephews—(sister's sons)—dying in the military service of the Crown. The family first settled in Ireland, from Dorset, England, during the Commonwealth. His great grandfather, Colonel William Moore, a distinguished parliamentary officer, having obtained from Oliver Cromwell, for his services in Ireland, a grant of the lands of Saleston, in the Co. Meath, adjoining Carton, the ancestral seat of the Fitzgeralds, Dukes of Leinster, we find mention made of this Colonel Moore in Edward Long's history of Jamaica,

published in 1774,—“As having embarked on the 14th October, 1656, for Jamaica, in command of a regiment from Carrickfergus. That he was driven back to Ireland by a storm, but reached Jamaica in 1657, and was Governor there some time before his death. He was unquestionably a good soldier, an honest man, and most indefatigable in the duty to which he was appointed. By his judicious government, spirited behaviour, and prudent measures, he won the affections of the army, and advanced further than all his predecessors towards establishing the Colony. For which reasons he was most deservedly respected whilst living, and honored when dead.”

The subject of our sketch inherits his name of MacLeod from that of his paternal grandmother. His grandfather, Captain Gustavus Moore, [16th R. Irish] of Saleston House, Co. Meath, married Amelia, only daughter of Norman John MacLeod, of Dunvegan Castle, Isle of Skye, Chief of the MacLeods of MacLeod, by his first marriage with Jannet, daughter of Sir Donald Macdonald, Bart., of Slate, the ancient Lords of the Isles, and now Barons Macdonald in the Peerage of Ireland.

Colonel MacLeod Moore received his early education in the city of Aberdeen, Scotland, and was a stu-